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THE HOUSE ON WATERGATE

ixon didn't know 'cover-up plan'

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LIBYAN AIRLINER

Six families receive compensation

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel has so far paid out \$180,000 in compensation to families of victims of the Libyan plane crash, Attorney-General Meir Shamgar said yesterday. Replying to a newswoman's question, Mr. Shamgar said claims had been settled with six families — some of them Arabs — but he would not reveal their names or nationalities for their own protection. They were all relatives of victims who had died.

After the disaster in February, the Cabinet decided to offer ex gratia payments to victims' families — \$30,000 to the families of the 108 persons killed in the crash and \$10,000 for the injured passengers, depending on the extent of their injuries.

Libyan and Egyptian Government spokesmen rejected the offer at the time (most of the passengers were Libyan or Egyptian nationals).

The Libyan Boeing 727 airliner was intercepted by Israeli fighters when it strayed into Sinai. It ignored repeated signals to land and the Israeli armmen eventually opened fire. The plane crashed into sand dunes at the northern sector of the Suez Canal.

The "Sun-Times" said FBI agents were not sent to the Haldeman-Ehrlichman offices until 24 hours after the aides' resignations were made in a weekend conference with President Nixon and nine hours after the resignations were made public on April 30.

In Teheran, Richard Helms, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency and now ambassador to Iran, has been called to Washington to testify in the Watergate affair, an embassy spokesman confirmed yesterday. The ambassador had already left Teheran.

Helms was reportedly called by a Senate investigating committee to testify about his former assistant, Robert Cushman Jr., claiming that he — Helms — had authorized the use of CIA equipment and research in the planning and execution of the burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

"Time" magazine said yesterday that Martha Mitchell, wife of former Attorney-General John Mitchell, has suffered a nervous breakdown and voluntarily entered a mental institution for treatment. The magazine said Mrs. Mitchell broke down before her husband was indicted for conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and perjury last week. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

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Dr. Burg also noted that a non-Israeli residing at the southern end of Sderot Bakhol in Jerusalem who had not applied yet to vote, could not do so under Mr. Shapiro's proposal because he had missed the deadline. But if he lived a few blocks up Sderot Bakhol, it would not matter, since he would be registered automatically.

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period, which has now expired.)

Dr. Burg's proposal was passed by 11 votes with no objections (since two of the 13 who supported Mr. Shapiro — Ministers Pinhas Sapir and Moshe Dayan — could not stay till the end of this item on the agenda). Mr. Shapiro said he had no objection in principle to Dr. Burg's proposal, but he doubted in practice whether the rolls could be prepared in time for the elections in every polling area.

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Arabs to visit here all the year

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Arabs from all over the Arab world will soon be able to visit relatives in the administered areas and East Jerusalem the whole year round and not only during the summer months, the Cabinet decided yesterday at its weekly session.

This proposal, which originated with the Interior Ministry, and was motivated by the desire to increase normalization of travel between the areas and the Arab countries, will cause a considerable increase over previous annual totals of visitors in this category. In 1972, some 150,000 Arabs arrived for summer visits between June 1 and October 15.

The Interior Ministry and the Military Government authorities will make a final announcement about the new arrangement, probably towards the beginning of June. Each Arab visitor will still have to be "invited" by a relative in the areas, or East Jerusalem. (The authorities do not stipulate generally that the "invitation" come from a close relative.)

The Defence Ministry and the Interior Ministry still have to decide how often visitors may enter from the Arab countries during each year, and for what length of time on each occasion. Hitherto, visitors who applied early, could remain if they wished from June 1 to October 15.

The Jordanian authorities have altered their policy several times with regard to their own nationals visiting here. Originally, no time limit was imposed by Amman on Jordanian nationals. Recently, however, they were restricted to a fortnight's stay, and allocated 50 dinars for expenses. Last month this was liberalized again to a two months' stay, with no currency limitations.

Permanent residents and local polls
Non-Israelis can vote without registration

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Permanent residents of Israel, including East Jerusalem, who do not have Israeli citizenship, will be able to vote in this year's municipal elections without applying for special registration because their names will be included in the municipal electoral rolls automatically.

The Cabinet decided at its weekly session yesterday to table the necessary legislation in the Knesset as soon as possible.

Justice Minister E. S. Shapiro and Interior Minister Moshe Burg, who brought a different proposal for new legislation to the Cabinet yesterday (and each won approval for his own proposal) will meet this morning to decide whether to combine their proposals in a single Knesset amendment, or table them separately.

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The Alignment would have been content to secure the vote for East Jerusalemites only, on the assumption that they would mostly vote Alignment, as in the 1969 municipal elections. However, the National Religious Party sought to offset this advantage to its rivals by securing the vote for the much larger number of foreign nationals in Israel, on the assumption that the orthodox parties and Gahal would get a higher proportion of their votes than the Alignment. The Alignment could not possibly have objected to Dr. Burg's proposal without risking embarrassment, and the free Knesset vote on electoral legislation guarantees Gahal backing for the National Religious Party move.

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King Faisal of Saudi Arabia (left) embraces Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on his arrival in Cairo. (AP radiophoto)

Faisal to Paris today: Mirages top agenda

POMPIDOU PLANS LAVISH WELCOME

PARIS. — The possibility of further French Mirage sales to the Middle East will highlight talks between French President Georges Pompidou and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, who arrives here today on a week-long state visit, the first by a Saudi monarch to France.

Faisal, who yesterday ended a day of talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo, wants to expand his air force with more sophisticated aircraft in the second half of the decade. And the French appear anxious to sell them the Mirage F-1, which they say will be the warplane discussed during the Pompidou-Faisal talks.

In the face of tough competition from Britain and the U.S., the French government is trying to make a multi-million dollar Mirage deal with Saudi Arabia. Talks are also under way between the Marcel Dassault firm, which builds the Mirage jets, and Kuwait and other Gulf states. Abu Dhabi has already bought Mirage fighter-bombers.

In 1966, Faisal bought about 50 Lightnings and 25 jet Provost trainers from Britain with American-designed Hawk missiles. Recently the 67-year-old monarch signed a \$250m. agreement with the British government for the building of airfields, workshops, maintenance facilities and an infrastructure of aerial navigation and fuel tanks.

But the French still hope to be able to sell their Mirages to Saudi Arabia, which has already bought 2,000 AMX-30 and 100 half-tracks, machinegun carriers and other armoured vehicles as well as helicopters from France.

President Pompidou has arranged a regal welcome for his Arab guest. King Faisal will stay at Versailles palace, the former home of France's monarchs.

The two leaders attach great political importance to the visit, which

French and Saudi officials here describe as "historic."

Although King Faisal has come to Paris on private visits — he was President Pompidou's luncheon guest in January 1970, and met General de Gaulle two years earlier — he is the first Saudi ruler to pay an official visit to France since his father, the late King Ibn Saud, created the Saudi Arabian kingdom 40 years ago.

Faisal will have three rounds of talks with Pompidou at the Elysee Palace — two private meetings and one in which they will be joined by their chief advisers. The two heads of state will discuss the Middle East conflict, the situation in the Gulf area and the Mediterranean and other world problems.

The Faisal-Sadat talks in Cairo yesterday lasted two hours, and were attended by the war ministers of both countries. Faisal's entourage included Defence Minister Prince Sultan Abdel Aziz. Sadat was assisted by his two vice-presidents, Foreign Minister Mohammed Hassan el-Zayyat and War Minister Gen. Ahmad Ismail, who recently visited Saudi Arabia. Sources said the talks covered the Middle East, bilateral relations and the Lebanese situation.

After the talks with Sadat, Saudi monarch conferred for 30 minutes with Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad. Riad explained to Faisal the efforts which he (Riad) made in Beirut last week to help defuse the crisis between the Lebanese army and the Palestinian terrorist movement, and the League's efforts to coordinate the Arab military, political and economic action against Israel.

Meanwhile, Saudi Radio yesterday quoted President Pompidou as saying he hopes King Faisal's visit will lead to a tangible development of relations with Saudi Arabia. (Reuters, UPI)

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Calm in Lebanon; talks on coexistence

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Calm was yesterday reported from all sectors of Lebanon as the Beirut authorities and the Palestinian terrorist movement began negotiating terms for mutual coexistence. There were no reports of further clashes.

Both warring parties pledged to maintain the truce reached five days ago after a week of violent fighting that claimed hundreds of dead and wounded. In an apparent explanation of continued explosions in Beirut, the Lebanese army yesterday announced it was clearing unexploded shells and grenades left by last week's clashes in the Lebanese capital.

Beirut's "Al-Amal" newspaper yesterday said that there was now an inter-terrorist conflict involving the Syrian-backed "as-Sa'aka" group, the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and three of its splinter sabotage organizations which were said to be opposing the present Fatah-controlled truce with the Lebanese authorities. The paper said that 10 terrorists were killed on Saturday in clashes between the P.F.L.P., the Popular Democratic Front, (P.D.F.), the Popular Front-General Command and the Sa'aka units on the outskirts of Beirut.

Otherwise, quiet prevailed throughout the Lebanese capital, where an indefinite curfew was yesterday lifted for the daylight. Holidaymakers from Beirut and other neighbouring towns were reported to have gone to the mountains for the first time in 12 days.

President Suleiman Franjeh yesterday continued his intensive political consultations with the country's leaders, including outgoing Premier Amin el-Hafez, in a bid to form a new government which would outline the framework of Lebanon's future relations with the terrorists.

The Lebanese leadership appeared to be awaiting the outcome of today's extraordinary session of Parliament which will discuss the week-old state of emergency and also debate the political situation and relations with the terrorists.

The terrorist movement on its part has said that it would object to any formula that would jeopardize the 1969 Cairo accord which gave them autonomous status in the Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Beirut's leading "An-Nahar" newspaper said yesterday that the Soviet Union has urged both Lebanon and the terrorists to restrain themselves in order to avoid further regional complications. The paper said that the impression in foreign diplomatic circles is that the Soviet Union does not want an explosion in the Middle East on the eve of the visit of Soviet Communist party chief Leonid Brezhnev to Washington next month.

(The situation in Lebanon is understood to have been discussed at the Cabinet yesterday, but details of this part of the Cabinet's deliberations were not released. The Cabinet listened to reports from the Defence Minister and from the Chief of Military Intelligence, Abdul Kadir Zuhair.)

Foreign Minister Abba Eban will not even be here for the debate, though Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Hassan el-Zayyat and one or two other Arabs of the same rank will be on hand.

The debate is predicted to last anywhere from 10 days to a month. Sudanese Ambassador Rahmatalla Abdulla, Council President for May, has got the members' agreement on the starting date and will call the first meeting when Dr. Waldheim's report is out. Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik will take over the presidency for June.

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Communist drive in 6 months: Thieu

President Nguyen Van Thieu predicted the Vietnamese will launch another offensive within six months.

The North Vietnamese assault would be to unacceptable political set-the Saigon government, Thieu was speaking to officials at the end of a weekend seminars at Vung

resort to expound lament thinking. Vietnam's Press, South Vietnam's agency, said today President Thieu told the seminar that nam had not given up invading South Vietnam by force.

The order from U.S. 7th Air Force headquarters at Nakhom Phanom Air Base in Thailand was issued so swiftly that Khmer National Armed Forces radio operators told their American counterparts they did not have available the sophisticated equipment to handle the top-secret transmissions. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

39 Senators
to seek bar on
Indochina moves

WASHINGTON (AP). — Plans of 39 senators to join in sponsoring legislation to bar funds for any further U.S. involvement in Indochina without specific approval of Congress were announced yesterday.

Republican Sen. Clifford Case of New Jersey, said he and Democratic Sen. Frank Church of Idaho will offer the measure, which also would bar U.S. aid to North Vietnam without specific approval of Congress.

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U.N. Mid-East debate on May 29; Council members eye special panel

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — U.N. Security Council members have agreed to hold a debate on the Middle East on May 29 and are talking privately about setting up a Council committee to try to solve that problem.

Nobody will admit authorship of any of the ideas that are floating around. But one idea, attributed to the British, is for a committee of all 15 Council members. Another, attributed to the Russians, is for a committee of four.

Other committee schemes involve various numbers and combinations of Council members, permanent and nonpermanent. The public Soviet position favours a reversal of the Middle East talks of the Soviet, American, British and French Council delegates, suspended on U.S. insistence in September, 1971.

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Knesset to sit today after recess

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset sits this afternoon at four p.m. after the Easter recess for its final summer term.

The term will probably last till mid-July, when the Seventh Knesset will rise and the election campaign for the Eighth Knesset will get under way.

Political tensions are sure to rise during the summer term as parties probe for the weak points in each other's policies and begin to harp on the issues which will count in the election campaign.

The criticisms in part of the press about Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's fund-raising campaign for special projects in health, education and welfare (dubbed the "Sapir Fund") is expected to occupy the House's attention, too.

Ha'olam Hazeh's Uri Avneri has requested an urgent plenum debate this week on the Finance Minister's campaign.

(Liberal Party chief Elimelech Rimat said in Tel Aviv yesterday that while Mr. Sapir had raised money for many worthy projects, the system involved was open to criticism.)

The main item at this afternoon's opening session will be the annual survey of the work of the Interior Ministry and the subsequent debate.

Tight security
as football team
arrives in Seoul

SEOUL. — The Israel national soccer team arrived here yesterday amid stringent security measures for the Asian Zone A 1974 World Cup preliminaries.

The 20 team members and their coaches were whisked off directly from the plane that brought them from Tokyo to a waiting bus, without going through any passport control. Only one pool photographer was admitted to the tarmac together with officials of the South Korean Football Association.

Escorted by police outriders, the Israeli team was driven through Seoul's thoroughfares at top speed, passing through all traffic lights, to a sports academy in the outskirts of the South Korean capital.

The Israeli team leaders have protested to the South Korean organizers against their accommodation, which they find inadequate, demanding that they be moved to a hotel in the centre of town. Israel plays Japan on Wednesday.

Israel top in
basketball group

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Warm and dry. Weather synopsis: A warm depression over Egypt is moving eastward.

Jerusalem	10-24	15-28
Golan	9-21	12-23
Nahariya	15-23	16-26
Safed	9-23	15-26
Haifa	12-23	15-27
Tiberias	12-23	17-24
Nazareth	12-24	17-28
Alula	12-25	18-29
Shimon	12-22	14-27
Tel Aviv	17-23	17-26
Lod	17-23	18-26
Jericho	17-23	18-26
Beersheba	15-24	16-27
Eilat	10-29	15-32
Tiran	12-30	20-37

Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received representatives of the Jewish Agency's Education Department who presented him with a book containing congratulations on Israel's 25th anniversary signed by 75,000 Jewish children in the Diaspora.

Some 200 delegates to the world congress of former residents of Bukovina yesterday visited the Knesset where they were received by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

The Mayor of Quito, Ecuador, and Mrs. Sixto Duran-Ballen were the luncheon guests yesterday of Mayor Teddy Kolek at the Jerusalem Municipality.

A tree planting ceremony was held yesterday at the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles in Jerusalem's Yad Vashem in honour of Theodore and Ingeborg Fangelider, of Holland, and Maria Schneider, of Austria, for saving the lives of Jews at the risk of their own during World War II.

The L. Shirley Tark Chair in Aircraft Structures was inaugurated at the Technion yesterday in a ceremony attended by a mission of Chicago business and community leaders headed by Mr. Tark.

BIRTH
GORDON — To Sara and Daniel Gordon, a son at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem, on May 11, 1973. Grandson to Zeev and Yuta Bakshi, and Michael and Batya Gordon, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS
Uriel Abramowitz, head of the Histadrut Trade Unions Department, from Norway, where he attended the annual conference of the Norwegian Labour Federation.

DEPARTURES
Knesset Members Arye Eliaz (Labour) and Gideon Pini (Gahal), to Strasbourg, to represent Israel as observers at the Council of Europe session there (by El Al).

Ben-Aharon under party fire Million voters in Histadrut election

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon came under continued attack from his Labour Party, the Histadrut executive yesterday unanimously confirmed that 1,100,000 members of the Labour Federation will go to the polls on September 11.

Aharon Yadin, Labour Party Secretary-General, issued a statement to the press saying "Ben-Aharon is mistaken and misleading if he thinks that he can carry the Histadrut elections, amidst continuous arguments with the Government."

Mr. Yadin was reflecting the annoyance of the Labour Party leadership at Mr. Ben-Aharon's statement that the election campaign would not stop him from criticizing Government policy.

Another point of dispute centres round Mr. Ben-Aharon's independent moves to set up the Alignment's Histadrut election machinery without first getting the approval of the party chiefs. According to one report, deputy Secretary-General Yehoshua Meshel may be asked to head the Alignment's campaign.

Elections will also be held Sept. 11 to the Moetzet Hapoelet (Women's organization), the Agricultural Workers Union and the Labour Councils.

Mr. Ben-Aharon yesterday called on all parties contesting the election to join forces in bringing out the maximum number of voters. He called that in 1969, only 65.5 per cent of eligible voters bothered to cast their ballots.

The Executive chose a 51 member central election committee formed according to the party key: Labour, 32; Gahal, 9; ILP, 3; the State List, 2; Haoved Hadati, 2; Rakah, 1; Free Centre, 1; Maki, 1; and four smaller factions in a non-voting capacity. Its chairman will be Ephraim Reiner of Mapam.

After urging that all parties do their utmost to ensure a clean election campaign, Mr. Ben-Aharon disagreed strongly with Gahal's Yoram Eridor M.K. that there were no legal provisions to stop gerrymandering and corrupt practices during the Histadrut elections. Aharon Druckman (Maki) noted: "comrade Ben-Aharon, its all in your party's hands. You control the administration and the regulations. We smaller parties can accept your appeal, but in effect it all depends on you people."

Begin addresses rally
Menachem Begin, M.K., chairman of the Herut Party, last night addressed a mass rally at the Western Wall marking the 25th anniversary of the State and the 50th of Betar, the youth movement founded by Ze'ev Jabotinsky, which was the precursor of the Revisionist Movement. (Ithm)

Avraham Hasson (I.L.P.) warned of the danger that the entire election campaign might become "a referendum for or against Ben-Aharon. All of us, including the Labour Party, must realize that despite the fascinating and controversial personality of the Secretary-General, he does not yet provide a programme."

At the same meeting Mr. Meshel explained Histadrut plans to ensure equal working conditions and social welfare payments to Arab workers from the territories. He did so in response to a motion moved by Alex Masias (Haolam Hazeh). The Histadrut wished to institute orderly patterns of relations with these workers and ensure their rights within the union pension funds particularly in the Building and Agricultural Workers Unions. Discussions had already been held with the Ministers of Defence and Labour, Mr. Meshel said, revealing that they now planned to discuss the wider implications together with the Prime Minister.

Mr. Ben-Aharon yesterday bitterly criticized what he called the anti-Histadrut slant of the "Moked" television programme on May Day in which he appeared. The Histadrut leader made a complaint to Deputy Premier Yigal Alon, the Minister in charge of the Broadcasting Authority, and to Authority Chairman Walter Eytan, in which he said that he found it "unacceptable that the programme should be so slanted and replete with vile slanders against the labour movement."

"Moked" moderator Turya Sarag, he said, was guilty of "grave dereliction of professional journalistic ethics."

Mapam secretary blasts Bar-Lev for price rises
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — One of Mapam's top leaders made a sharp attack on Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev during the Histadrut Executive discussion yesterday on rising prices, at which the Labour Federation leadership reaffirmed its insistence on an extra cost-of-living allowance from July.

The fact that Mapam Political Secretary Nadabai Feder was chosen to speak, and not one of the Mapam Histadrut leaders, was interpreted as Mapam demonstration of support for Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon. Mr. Bar-Lev had engaged in sharp polemics with the Histadrut chief at Thursday's Labour Party Central Committee debate, over Mr. Ben-Aharon's alleged responsibility for Labour unrest.

Mr. Feder also took Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to task for agreeing to price controls only now and for leaving open the extra C-o-L allowances payment issue. He charged that this in itself caused prices to go up.

The Mapam spokesman charged that Mr. Bar-Lev had failed all along the line in his initiative to reduce price controls in January. "We cannot simply pass over what Bar-Lev said about the Histadrut," Mr. Feder stated. "I can only register my regret that our commander during the war of attrition has chosen to launch his own war of attrition against the representative body of organized labour. He must learn that in this way he will not build up his position which he holds primarily in the name of organized labour."

PACKAGE DEAL
Making a bid to renew the package deal, Mr. Ben-Aharon urged the Government and employers to form a regular forum of consultations with the Labour Federation to curb prices. He noted that prices rose by 14 per cent in 1972, while Histadrut trade union chief Uriel Abramowitz predicted that the price index increase for the first half of this year would be nine per cent. The only way to preserve the collective wage agreements was to pay the extra C-o-L allowance, he said.

Mr. Ben-Aharon later announced that a special session of the Histadrut General Council will meet on Thursday in Jerusalem to discuss changes in the election regulations.

Cabinet okays draft law on Government corporations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved the draft of the Government Corporations Law, with a view to tabling it in the Knesset this week and getting it through the first reading before the Seventh Knesset finishes work this summer.

The lengthy item of legislation has been through two official committees, in 1966 and 1969, and has been discussed in seven separate versions.

It defines what a Government corporation is — for the first time in this country — and prescribes the powers and privileges of the Government as a shareholder. It also codifies the rules of management and control in Government corporations and empowers the Finance Minister to regulate regulations concerning salaries.

Israel's more than 260 Government corporations and their subsidiaries have a combined balance sheet of IL13,500m. They employ six per cent of the national labour force and include 540 directors on their boards.

Arab backer of J.D.L. refused visa to U.S.
Jerusalem Post Reporter
ACRE. — The U.S. Consulate has refused a visa to an Arab resident of Galilee who wishes to visit the U.S. on a mission for the Jewish Defence League.

Emmanuel Khoury, of Passara village, said he was given no reason for the refusal. He is seeking to help further the J.D.L.'s plan to pay Israeli Arabs for their property in exchange for their emigration. He had submitted police certification that he has a clean record along with his application for a visa.

The police had earlier advised the Interior Ministry not to give Mr. Khoury a passport, but dropped their objection after he obtained a court order.

Three to ten years Eight more sentenced in Syrian spy trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Eight members of the Jewish-Arab spy ring organized by Syria were sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to ten years by the Haifa District Court yesterday.

They were the third group to be tried in the case. The fourth and last group of nine defendants goes on trial Sunday. A total of 24 men, four Jews, have now been sentenced. The ringleader, Haifa bookseller David Turki, is serving a 17-year jail term.

The court yesterday imposed a ten-year term on Shukri Nafth, 30, of Deir Hanna. Mahmoud Masrawa, of Baka el Gharbiye, was sentenced to eight years. Seven-year terms were imposed on Yeheskel Cohen, 30, of Bat Yam, and Hamoud Sakif, 35, of Nazareth. Mahmoud Halaf, 22, of Jaffa, was sentenced to six years, Yasser Juma, 23, of Yaffa to four years, and Osama Waked, 22, to three years. The latter was sentenced after the court heard a probation officer's report, as required by law for persons not aged 21 at the time of their offence.

SUSPENDED TERM
Mahmoud Masrawa, will, besides his eight-year term, have to serve another two-year suspended sentence for a previous offence.

The court also gave a six-year term yesterday to Yousef Nassar, 22, of Kafar Arrabeh (Western Galilee), who had been convicted with the second group of ring-members tried. Because Nassar is less than 21, sentence had been delayed pending the submission of a probation officer's report.

Yesterday's sentencing lasted only 20 minutes. Senior Judge Emmanuel Slonim opened by announcing that the court had received two letters, one from Yeheskel Cohen and the other from his parents, complaining that Cohen had not been allowed to speak freely during the trial. Turning to Cohen, Judge Slonim said the court took a serious view of this because "we let you speak freely and you did. Our record of what you said fills four typewritten pages. Notwithstanding, we are sentencing you for the offences you committed, on the basis of the evidence before us, and we are ignoring your letter."

The bench noted that Cohen was an ex-soldier who had sworn allegiance to the army and had joined an organization dedicated to overthrowing the government by force of arms. He had also planned to go abroad to meet foreign agent Habib Kahane, the ring's Damascus mastermind, and was to head a call in the Tel Aviv area. Only his arrest had stopped him from carrying out his plans.

Sentencing David Kupfer, the other Jewish defendant in yesterday's group of eight, the court held he had allied himself with an illegal organization and had also planned to go abroad and to meet the foreign agent. Kupfer had made practical preparations to leave, and only a court order obtained by his wife, and his subsequent arrest, had stopped him.

The court was composed of Judges Slonim, Avraham Friedman and Luba Fortuna.

The last group of defendants includes two Jews — Mali Lerman and Rami Livneh, both 27 and from the Tel Aviv area. Among the other seven is Naim Areida, 22, a Druse graduate of Haifa University.

Court convicts two who robbed Azor bank

TEL AVIV. — Two men charged with robbing the Bank Hapoalim branch in Azor last week — all by with a third Israeli shot in Jerusalem last week — were found guilty in the District Court yesterday.

The two, Shimon Poni, 22, of Yam and Meir Ben-Lulu, 23, of Dagon, will be sentenced after probation officer makes his report. Their alleged accomplice, Eliahu da, was wounded in an exchange fire with Amsterdam police.

According to testimony by other robber — David Zarfaty — turned State's evidence — he, Ben-Lulu and Zada had originally planned to rob a Bat Yam bank. When the truck did not arrive, they went to the Azor bank.

The four used a car stolen from the Foreign Ministry, and two sub-machineguns stolen from army by another man, Shlomo rahi. (Mizrahi had testified the trial that he sold the weapons to the accused, but retracted after his life was threatened as car sabotage.)

Zada, wanted by police in connection with this and other robberies is expected to be extradited Holland.

Kolek's car burglar

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kolek's car broken into Friday afternoon parked near Yemin Moshe. A said yesterday that some tools and other small items taken.

Jordan returns Eilat who 'fled wife'
EILAT. — A 27-year-old local dentist who crossed the border Akaba a month ago was returned by Jordan via the Damiya yesterday and taken into police custody in Eilat.

The man was seen sailing Akaba aboard a rented sur on April 14. Before a police boat was able to reach him, danian boat came out and towed him. The man, whose name withheld, is a port worker. He reportedly decided to run off to fight with his wife.

Georgian newcomer held for licence fr

HAIFA. — A Georgian immigrant Albert Aligulashvili, was held for five days by the Magistrate Court here yesterday on suspicion of belonging to a ring which Russian driving licences.

Police investigators told the forgers sold the "licences" Soviet immigrants for about each. New immigrants are entitled to receive Israeli licences without undergoing a test if they show a licence from their country of origin. More arrests are expected.

Bible congress er with a symposium

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The First International Congress ended in Jerusalem night with a symposium Knesset on "The Role of the Jewish Life" in which 10 overseas delegates participated. Delegates were the guests of Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu who is reported to know the Bible by heart.

The Congress re-elected Ben-Gurion as its Honorary President and Zalman Shazar President.

A IL1,800 FINE was imposed on the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday on Shlomo Finner Bet Yam, for purchasing a rator and TV set without through fraudulent use of grants' rights.

Man and the sea at new museum

HAIFA. — Israel's new National Maritime Museum, portraying 5,000 years of man's links with the sea, opens here tomorrow.

The four-storey building, located below Elijah's Cave at the southern entrance to the city, contains one of the world's finest collections of model sea and river craft. Built and equipped at a cost of IL3m, it took several years to complete the move from its old cramped quarters in the centre of town.

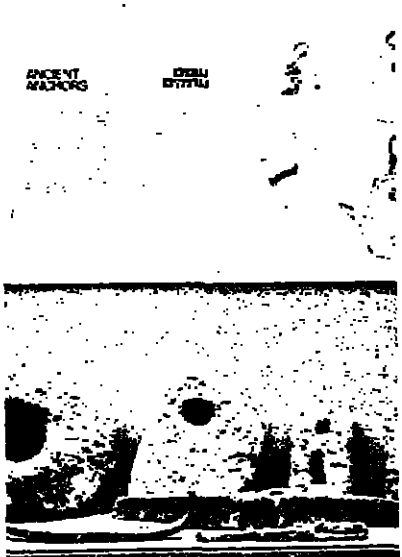
The objects on display go back as far as the little boat the ancient Egyptians prepared for the souls of their dead.

There follow models of the ships of Solomon and the Phoenicians, and of the Greeks and Romans, up through the Crusaders and to our own times.

The models have been faithfully reproduced by craftsmen working from ancient coins, drawings, wall paintings and sculptures, often aided by literary sources and the results of underwater archaeology.

There are also sections on Arab shipping, marine ethnology, the sea in the Bible and displays of nautical instruments.

Previewing the 5,000 objects on display for the press yesterday, museum curator Arye L. Ben-El said, "Our museum goes further back into maritime history than do similar displays in other countries, because



ANCHORS AWEIGH. — Part of a display of ancient anchors at the new National Maritime Museum in Haifa, which opens its doors to the public tomorrow. (Sadeh)

the peoples of the ancient Near East were seafarers long before those of the West." One thing the exhibits suggest is that the Jews have been keen mariners since they first crossed the Jordan, especially in First Temple times. The museum also shows the lively contribution Jews have made in more recent times to marine astronomy, cartography, and exploration.

The new building adjoins the Navy and Underground Immigration Museum of the Defence Ministry, which contributed the site. Half the cost of building and equipping it was borne by the Municipality, the other half by the Maritime Museum Fund headed by Yacov Saharon. Most of the contributions of funds and exhibits came from donors abroad. The interior arrangement, a model of tasteful display, is the work of architect Harry Frank of Haifa's Graphics company.

The museum's collection, only a part of which is on show at any time, was begun over 20 years ago by Mr. Ben-El, then a navy officer, who donated it to the city and has nursed it since to its present acknowledged excellence.

Admission will be IL1 for adults, 50 agors for group visits and 30 agors for pupils. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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of New York

announces to all friends in Jerusalem that the tombstone unveiling ceremony will take place today, May 14, 1973, at 4 p.m. on Har Hazythan, and expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to his daughter,

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ired director of upat Holim says his wife given ligent medical care

JACARIE DEAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Wreckage of the Susita pickup truck in which six members of a Holon family were killed Saturday on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road. (Zvi Keren)

Fatal pickup truck was overloaded

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMLE. — Police investigating the death of six members of a family on Saturday in the overturning of a Susita pickup truck near here said yesterday the truck had been carrying nearly twice its legal limit of passengers.

The truck, carrying ten persons, overturned near Ramat Gan on the Jerusalem-bound lane of the main highway and was then hit by three vehicles coming the other way. The driver, Shimon Angel, 51, of Holon, was killed, as were his mother and four of his young children. Angel's wife and three remaining children were seriously hurt, but were last night described as out of danger by Asaf Harofa Hospital.

Asked about reports that the driver had lost control because of overloading, a police inspector told The Post last night that the truck had apparently been carrying eight family members in back. By law, he said, a Susita can carry only four in the back and two, including the driver, up front.

The passengers in the back consisted of Mrs. Angel and seven children, the oldest of whom was 11.

Each additional person makes the pickup truck less stable," the inspector explained. "If the report that the children were jumping about in the back is true, then this could add to the truck's instability."

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OREGON GOVERNOR Agnew could replace Nixon

By SARAH RONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Oregon Governor Tom McCall told the press here yesterday he would not rule out the possibility of American Vice-President Spiro Agnew taking over as President as a result of the Watergate bugging affair.

The Republican governor is here with a 25-member Oregon-JNF study mission for Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations. He ends his visit today.

He said all Republicans who are potential presidential candidates are pro-Israel. This also applied to New York Governor Rockefeller, a close friend of his, who he disclosed is contemplating running for the Presidency in 1976.

Governor McCall said the first order of business for the President is to fill the White House cabinet posts and the advisory jobs with figures of absolute integrity from both parties.

Members of Governor McCall's party include Oregon State Forester, Ed Schroeder as well as a number of lumber businessmen from the northwestern state. As a gift to Israel, they brought 25 saplings of Ponderosa pine, from the more arid part of the state, as well as 25 saplings of incense cedar to be planted on the Golan Heights.

In Oregon, the trees grow as high as 150 feet over a period of 80 years. Mr. Schroeder added that Oregon plans to send Israel seeds of other trees which may adapt to climatic conditions.

Arab MK denies yielding place

TAIYIBA. — Knesset Member Dhab Ubeid, of the Independent Arab List affiliated to the Labour Party, yesterday denied he will yield his place to a younger man in the next Knesset elections.

A report to this effect had been carried in the Jerusalem Arabic language weekly "al-Uzba." Mr. Ubeid said it was probably inspired by "interested parties outside Israel." The list on which Mr. Ubeid was elected also includes Knesset Member Elias Nakhliah, of Rama village in Galilee. (Itm)

Car hooting fine

The fine for illegal hooting of car horns is going up from IL10 to IL30 starting today, the Transport Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

According to transport regulations, it is illegal for drivers to hoot their horns within city limits unless it is necessary to prevent an accident.

Airport delays

LOD AIRPORT. — Several outgoing flights were delayed yesterday because airline and security personnel had to cope with the thousands of visitors leaving after the Independence Day celebrations. Long queues formed at airline counters and security examination booths.



38 Russian families begin sit-down strike

By YACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHAVEI ZION. — Thirty-eight of the 55 Russian immigrant families completing their five-month term at the temporary absorption centre here, started a sit-down strike yesterday morning. The newcomers, who are due May 31 to vacate the centre, located in the Kupat Holim vacation home, are demanding permanent housing or "safe guarantee" that they will get it. They have been offered rental apartments to tide them over 12 to 18 months until construction catches up with needs.

Most of the striking families are represented only by wives as the men are already working, many in the Tel Aviv area where they have rented rooms. The strikers said they would move their strike to outside the Absorption Ministry offices in Haifa or Jerusalem on Wednesday if they do not get satisfaction by then.

The Director of the Absorption Ministry's northern office, Baruch Zevulun, told The Post that 20 families had been offered permanent flats. The others who were demanding housing in the Tel Aviv area, because they had found work there, had been offered rental flats until housing was ready. Those who had not yet found work had been offered temporary accommodation in other absorption centres or hostels.

Mr. Zevulun considered the strike unjustified, as there simply were no flats available in the Tel Aviv area.

Book week opens tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Another book fair — in Hebrew this time — will open around the country tomorrow to mark Israel's 13th annual Hebrew Book Week. Some 5,000 titles will be offered at 40 per cent off list price, with a large number of others on sale at a 25 per cent reduction.

The largest outdoor book fair will be at Jerusalem's Gan Ha'atzmaut, at Kikar Ma'aleh Yisrael in Tel Aviv, and at the Municipal Theatre Square in Haifa. Sizeable fairs will also open at Beit Ha'am Square in Beersheva and at Netanya's Kikar Ha'atzmaut, with smaller ones in Holon, Herzliya, Eilat and many other towns and local councils.

Outlying settlements and development towns will take part too, and will be visited between May 28 and June 3 by mobile libraries serving as bookstores. Some 400 stores around the country will also be selling books at reduced prices.

During 1971-72 Israeli publishers brought out 3,363 titles. Inflation has affected the publishing business no less than others, and on the average books are now 25 per cent dearer than they were a year ago.

Other objects to be auctioned off will include sewing machines, Super-sol gift certificates (valued at IL1,000), stereo sets, a "weekend for two" and TV sets.

Members of the audience will phone in their bids. The calls will be received by an operator, who will take the listener's number and after checking it in the telephone book to ensure that the listener actually lives at the address given, will call him back. This time the listener will be "on the air" as one of the two moderators interviews him and asks him to make his bid. (The lowest opening bid will be about one-third of the true price of the item.)

The next caller can up the bid, and the object up for sale will go to the highest bidder.

el Aviv area mayors seek more coordination

Jerusalem Post Reporter

— The six Dan region Interior Ministry officials recommended a joint committee to set up to facilitate co-ordination of town planning and zoning. Minister Yosef Burg is to approve the recommendation.

was reached by the Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Yarn, Enel Brak, Givataim Interior Ministry officials at a three-day symposium held Friday at the Dan Hotel. They discussed re-municipal administration to the eventual consolidation of the cities.

committee will be composed of mayors plus one more representative from Tel Aviv and a five of the Interior Ministry will be headed by Mayor Rabinowitz of Tel Aviv. The committee will be entrusted with a master plan for to replace the individual ones. The Interior Minister asked the Knesset to amend building and Planning Act

to give the committee the authority of the District Planning Commission.

The mayors' decision to set up a joint committee is said to be their lowest common denominator of agreement. Some of the mayors, like Mayor Rabinowitz and Givataim's Mayor Kuba Kreizman, advocate all out municipal union. Others, like Ramat Gan's Mayor Yisrael Fajad, feel that a super-city in the Dan region would only make services here worse than they already are.

Holon's Mayor Pinhas Eylon, opposes municipal union but agrees to limited cooperation on specific subjects such as education, transportation and garbage disposal. Religious Enel Brak opposes union for fear that its unique character would be lost.

A further obstacle to union was Tel Aviv's demand thus far to have at least a 50 per cent representation on any joint body to be set up. This was rejected by the others.

The compromise today was granted Tel Aviv one more representative than the others got, but still giving each city a considerable say.

for peace

ARK (INA). — More than 100,000 U.S.-donated rice supplies were distributed during 1972, it was reported by Samuel Haber, executive Vice-Chairman.

the supplies, over 4 million of flour, went to Israel, said. The flour was sent to homes and other institutions by the J.D.C. in 600,000 lbs. of supplies for each and 43,500 lbs. to these included dry milk, flour, oil and wheat.

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Arye Bustan new consul in Jo'burg

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr. Arye Bustan has been appointed Israel Consul-General in South Africa and will take up his appointment at the end of the month, the Foreign Ministry announced. Mr. Bustan served previously as ambassador to Guatemala, and was earlier a counsellor in Argentina.

Born in Poland in 1914, Mr. Bustan lived in the 'thirties and 'forties in Mexico, where he worked as a journalist. He has published books of verse in Hebrew, Spanish and Yiddish, and in 1963 wrote a biography of Chaim Weizmann which earned him the Knesset Prize. Before joining the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Bustan headed the publications department of the Weizmann Institute.

Mr. Bustan will be working out of Johannesburg and his responsibilities will centre on ties with the local Jewish community. Political relations with the South African government are handled by the Israeli charge d'affaires in Pretoria, Mr. Michael Michael.

The previous Israel consul-general in South Africa, Mr. Yitzhak Umm, ended his tour last December.

Cinemateque opens in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Cinemateque opened its doors Saturday night with Charlie Chaplin's classic film "The Circus" and the late Netab Axelrod's documentary "Ets o Palastine," narrated by Haim Topol.

The Cinemateque is housed in the Tel Aviv Municipal Employees' Union house at 4 Rehov Pombedita and is modelled on the French Cinemateque and the British National Film Club. It is sponsored by the Municipality and Tel Aviv University, which have combined resources with Mrs. Wim Van Lee's film foundation in Haifa, which maintains a film archives. Deputy Mayor Elhanan Speiser, who initiated the idea, is chairman of the management board.

The Cinemateque includes a cinema, a film library and a film archives, and a film club with special youth and children's matinees at 4 p.m. on Mondays.

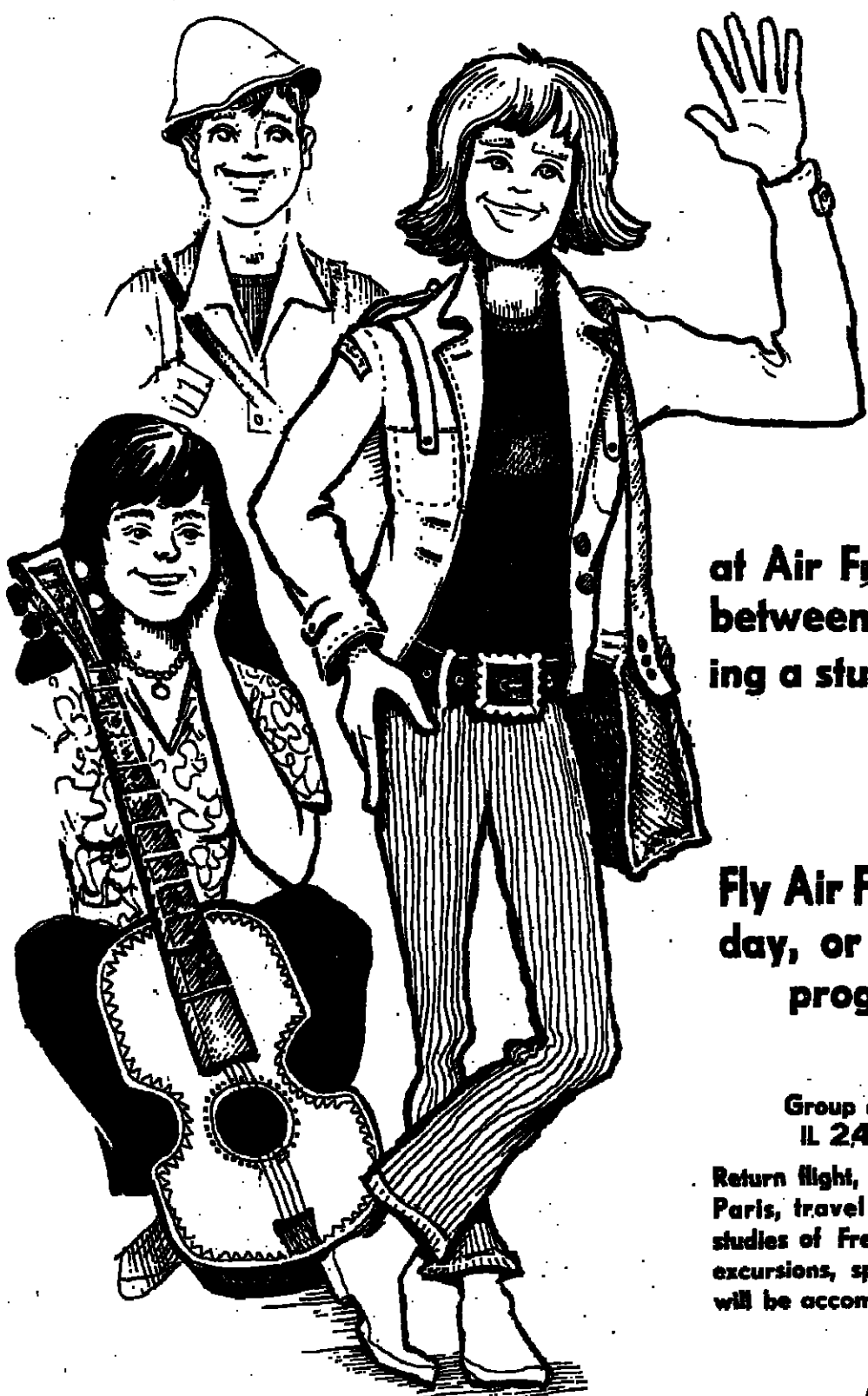
In the initial period, films for adults will be screened every Monday, Thursday and Saturday evening.

Bhutto in Teheran for final talks

TEHRAN (Reuters).

Pakistan President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday returned to Teheran from a two-day tour of Isfahan and Shiraz and inspecting historical sites in south and central Iran.

Mr. Bhutto had a final round of talks with the Shah at a dinner given by the Shah and Empress Farah for the President and Begum Bhutto at Niavaran Palace last night, and will leave Teheran today.



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11 injured as blast wrecks Belfast bar

BELFAST (Reuters). — Eleven people were injured, six of them seriously, when a packed bar was blasted by a bomb Saturday night. The bomb was placed in front of the bar, owned by a Catholic family, in the centre of Belfast. Police said no warning was given.

British soldiers from a nearby army post and civilians clawed through rubble to pull customers from the wreckage of the pub —

Burundi clashes end with 50 dead

DAR-ES-SALAAM (AP). — More than 50 people have been killed and scores injured in fighting in Burundi, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

Tanzanian Government officials said anti-government rebels in Burundi, armed with spears and arrows, launched pre-dawn attacks Thursday on villages six miles from the Burundi-Tanzania border. Later more than 100 refugees fled to Tanzania seeking sanctuary. The fighting continued into Friday, the officials said.

About 80 people were killed last March when Burundi troops, chasing rebels, crossed the border and attacked five Tanzanian villages. Burundi subsequently apologized for the incident.

Nearly 100,000 people were believed killed a year ago when Burundi's majority tribe rebelled against the ruling Tutsi tribe and the government countered with systematic reprisals.

"the McLaughlins" — and help others down to safety from the wrecked first-floor lounge.

One man who was in the bar said afterwards: "how in God's name did I walk out of that? We were just having a chat when there was a tremendous bang and the whole place seemed to collapse on top of me."

Hospital sources said two of the injured were in a critical condition. Eye-witnesses reported seeing two elderly men who had legs blown off in the blast.

A police spokesman later said three men were helping with inquiries into the explosion. They were detained while travelling in a car along the strongly-Protestant Shankill Road in Belfast.

McLaughlins' bar lies in the shadow of the British army's Belfast headquarters, in what was formerly one of the city's main hotels.

British security forces foiled an escape bid at a major Northern Ireland prison.

Soldiers and warders uncovered a tunnel in a wing of Belfast's Crumlin Road jail. The party-dug tunnel, starting from a cell, had gone about 10 feet.

"The would-be escapees were a long way from freedom," a government official commented.

The tunnel had evidently been dug with pieces of metal and bed ends and the soil hidden in plastic bags and pillow cases. The would-be escapees' equipment also included hacksaw blades and ropes made from sheets.

Most prisoners in the Crumlin Road jail face charges connected with guerrilla activities.

Pope to send high-ranking group to Egypt

ROME (INA). — The Vatican said yesterday that Pope Paul VI will send a high-ranking mission to Cairo next week to join a Coptic Church commemoration of the death of St. Athanasius 16 centuries ago.

The Coptic Pope, Shenouda III of Alexandria, returned to Egypt last Thursday after spending seven days at the Vatican as guest of the Pope.

The Vatican said the Catholic delegation will be headed by Cardinal Etienne Duval, the Archbishop of Algiers, and will also include the Apostolic pro-nuncio in Egypt, Archbishop Bruno Heim and the under-secretary of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, the Rev. Pierre Duprey.

Pope decries priest shortage

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — Pope Paul said yesterday the shortage of priests was a grave problem, and he appealed for more young men to enter the priesthood.

He was making a special appeal during his regular Sunday greeting to pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, to mark World Vocations Day, an annual date to draw attention to the priesthood crisis.

According to the latest Roman Catholic Yearbook, 4,039 priests and monks left the church in 1971. Their number that year was 346,236 — 1,245 less than in 1970.



Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev is presented with a teddy bear by East German workers as he arrived in East Berlin on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

To 'reassure' leaders Brezhnev ends visits to East Europe allies

MOSCOW. — Leonid Brezhnev, General-Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, returned yesterday from visits to Poland and East Germany, Tass news agency said.

Communist sources said his quick visits to East Berlin and Warsaw were designed to reassure other Soviet bloc leaders their interests would be protected in his talks in Bonn and Washington.

Brezhnev will visit West Germany May 18 to May 22 and the U.S. June 18 to 26. He will be the first Soviet leader ever to visit West Germany.

Brezhnev arrived in East Berlin from Warsaw Saturday. Before ending his East Berlin visit yesterday he bestowed the Order of Lenin, the Soviet Union's highest decoration, on Erich Honecker, First Secretary of the East German Communist Party. On his 24-hour trip to Warsaw he gave the same decoration to Edward Giersek, First Secretary of the Polish Communist Party.

A Prague airport spokesman said yesterday Brezhnev would arrive at 4:15 p.m. local time, but he never came.

Western diplomats said plans for a stop-over of Brezhnev in Prague, after his quick visits to Warsaw and East Berlin, had remained open until the last minute. Brezhnev was scheduled to go to Prague, in case his talks in East Berlin and Warsaw proved such a meeting desirable before his official visit to West Germany later this month, they said.

The fact that the tentative stop-over was cancelled was also considered a sign that current official Czechoslovak-West German talks have proceeded satisfactorily, the diplomats said. The talks—part of West German Chancellor Willy Brandt's efforts to improve relations with Communist East European countries—got under way only last week.

In Berlin, Brezhnev said his goal is an unbreakable European peace. He said: "The political barometer in Europe today shows ever more clearly that fair weather is ahead. The atmosphere of lessening of tension is developing ever more securely. The feeling of a permanent peace, of a good perspective for the future, is consolidating."

Rogers brings Mexico back stolen treasures

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Secretary of State William Rogers handed over stolen archaeological pieces to Mexico's Museum of Anthropology yesterday and said the U.S. was committed to ending the illegal trade in antique treasures.

This was his first official action: an arrival in Mexico at the start of a 17-day Latin American tour. The archaeological pieces, numbering 116, were recovered by U.S. police in a raid last year on a drug trafficker's house in California.

Mr. Rogers met yesterday with Mexican President Luis Echeverria, who once complained that the U.S. puts more effort into solving differences with its enemies than its friends.

On his arrival Mr. Rogers stated that the U.S. had been too preoccupied with world problems to pay more attention to its traditional friends. But he said the U.S. had now achieved a relaxation of world tension.

"Now we can direct more of our efforts towards our traditional friends," he said.

During his 17-day tour, Mr. Rogers will also visit Nicaragua, Venezuela, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina and Jamaica.

'Aggressive conspiracy' against Libya: Gaddafi

BEIRUT (UPI). — Libyan leader Col. Mu'amar Gaddafi said yesterday that Western oil companies were engineering an "aggressive conspiracy" against the Libyan people. Cairo Radio reported.

The radio said Gaddafi made the statement to a Tripoli news conference attended by some 300 journalists.

"The manoeuvres of the oil companies indicate that they are engineering an aggressive conspiracy against the Libyan people," the radio quoted him as saying.

"America is moving its aircraft-carriers and warplanes and making a show of force to intimidate us," he said. "But we are undergoing military training so that if America or other powers decide to embark on adventures, we will bravely defend our land."

"He who wants to launch aggression against us should know that we are a people who believe in God, in fate and in martyrdom," the 30-year-old chairman of the Revolution Command Council said. "We are a people who are ready to die for the sake of right."

Gaddafi held the news conference to expound the ideas behind his "cultural revolution" which he announced in a speech in mid-April. Since then, the Libyan people have formed scores of committees to run various organizations and schools which they have taken over.

In any case we are happy to see this visit which to us by its periphery that of a sixth century Ethiopian who, in Moslem folklore, the followers of Mohamed visited Moslem territory.

"The American hegemony made of Selassie, because of his insignificance and his tiny stature, a puppet emperor."

Libya is currently campaigning a boycott of the tenth anniversary of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa, May "because of the Zionist in Ethiopia." It is demanding O.A.U. headquarters be in Cairo.

Sihanouk again blasts U.S. for Cambodia 'aggressive'

DAKAR, Senegal (AP). — Deposed Cambodian leader Sihanouk ended a three-day state visit here yesterday, sharply attacking U.S. "aggression" in his country. But he said, "Our door remains very much open to the U.S. if they wish to discuss peace."

He again rejected any negotiations with the Lon Nol Government in Phnom Penh.

Pre-conditions for a settlement with the U.S., he said in a wide-ranging press conference, include an end to U.S. bombing and military aid to Lon Nol and a pullout of military forces from Cambodia.

Sihanouk used the press conference, laced with humorous remarks, to make the following points:

• His forces inside Cambodia receive three quarters of the U.S. supplies air-dropped to Lon Nol troops in the field. "I take the occasion," he said, "to thank President Nixon for these magnificent gifts."

• On the Cambodian monarchy he heads: "The people are the king in our royalty. We are a kingdom without a king."

President Nixon has a about Communism.

• Lon Nol's consultation loggers, according to reports, shows the star g wrong. "According to the loggers," said Sihanouk, "will be in power until longer than Nixon." The said, "is amused."

• The failure of France Soviet Union to support Government-in-Exile "retards progress." He said they at Lon Nol.

Sihanouk, warmly received President Leopold Senghor shortly after the preference in the Presidential bound for Guinea.

Philadelphia St. Bernard tops Hader

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — Samantha is pooped. Over her period, the 80 kbo. Bernard has given birth to five.

All but two of the pup survived.

Samantha's owners, Chris Donald Fischer, aren't sure she is some sort of record, are going to make sure mama doesn't have a char it.

"That was just too much," said yesterday.

(Alice, a St. Bernard dera, gave birth to 16 January. All of them at the time, Alice's owner, C said that litter, to his was "unprecedented.")

Iran clinches spot in Tehran World Cup 4

TEHRAN (Reuters). — Iran clinched its unbeaten run in Kuwait 2-0 here to clinch qualification for the football Asian Zone preliminary yesterday.

Iran now meets Arab winners then in winners of Asian Zone in yesterday's other game Korea put on its most display and beat Syria 3-0 means led 2-0 at half-time.

Iran went into the 60th minute when centre skipper Parviz Qelichkh from the penalty spot. I decision was disputed by the referee.

In the 73rd minute keeper Nasser Hejazi as mally taken by Kuwait. All al-Sharman and a AM Jahad claimed to second goal.

North Korea dominated out the game and cruised to easy victory.

Soviet football beat Irish

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Union beat Ireland 1-0 World Soccer Cup Euro Group Nine qualifying yesterday. There was a halftime.

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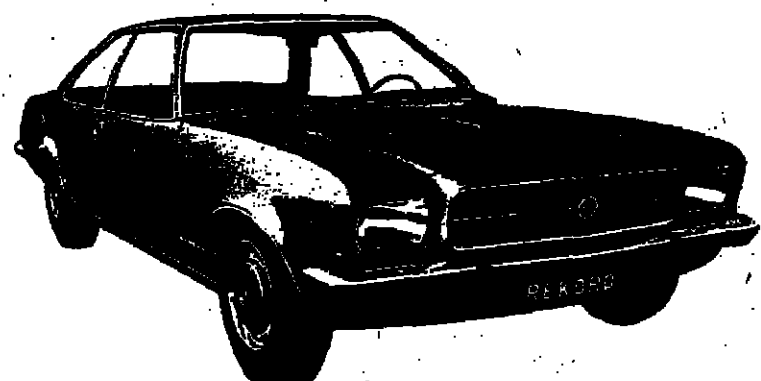
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VETERAN DIPLOMAT DAVID BRUCE HEADS U.S. 'LIAISON OFFICE'

'Ambassador's ambassador' due in Peking

TOKYO (AP). — Courtly, white-haired David K.E. Bruce, the "ambassador's ambassador," enters China today to head the first U.S. liaison mission to the Chinese Communists since 1947.

Like many other Americans who have preceded him since 1971, he will board a train in Hongkong, pause for a scrutiny of his credentials at the tiny Communist border-crossing village of Shumchun, proceed in another train — this one air-conditioned — to Canton, then fly to Peking, the Chinese capital.

The 75-year-old diplomat will have the title of U.S. representative, but in fact he will be an ambassador to everything but name.

China's former ambassador to France, Huang Chen, one of Mao Tse-tung's companions on the Long March retreat of the 1930s, will be inaugurating the first Chinese Communist liaison office in Washington.

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Bruce, son of a socially prominent Baltimore family, is an ambassador's ambassador because he is the very essence of the suave and seasoned diplomat, the only American career officer to hold the posts of envoy to Bonn, Paris and London. He retired in 1969 and was called back to head the American delegation at the Paris peace talks on Vietnam. He has been summoned out of retirement a second time by President Nixon to fill the China

post, one which the President said required a man of "great stature." He brings to the Chinese post varied skills, not only in diplomacy but as a former soldier, farmer, businessman, lawyer, counterintelligence agent, and state legislator. An art lover, he will find himself at the source of the dazzling culture of China, a country he is visiting for the first time.

His ripe years — he is the same age as Premier Chou En-lai — his experience and his charm and intelligence combine to make him the ideal American representative to a country which puts high store on all these attributes. Though he does not speak Chinese, virtually all of his staff is fluent in the language. Since the Communists came to

power in 1949, the U.S. has never had a mission to the People's Republic. Until the "ping pong diplomacy" of 1971 and Nixon's own summit visit in February 1972, Sino-American relations were hostile and bitter.

26-YEAR BREAK

The last official American representation to the Communists was at Yenan, the Red cave capital in Northwest China, between 1944 and 1947. A small liaison mission of a dozen officers and men was established there to gather intelligence on Communist military capabilities and aid in the rescue of downed American airmen.

Though the U.S. continues to maintain an embassy in Taipei and

is doing a thriving business with the island, the spotlight of popular and official American attention is on Peking. In his recent "State of the World" report, Nixon devoted 11 pages to improving relations with the People's Republic and only a passing paragraph to Taiwan.

Bruce's job will be that of an ordinary ambassador, to encourage trade, report on political and economic conditions, facilitate exchanges of scientists, educators, businessmen, cultural groups and news-men and transmit the views of his government to Premier Chou En-lai.

Both the American and Chinese envoys have been officially accorded all the privileges of full ambassadors.

ens bombs ck cars of diplomats

(Reuters). — Two time-acked cars of two the American diplomatic Athens yesterday, a police said.

re-made bombs went off bursts of Phalaron and where most American and servicemen resten, bombs in the centre of naged the car of a Greek-film producer, James Paris, a permanent home in

the shattered windows of iddings but caused no he spokesman said. rded on the areas and perts examined fragments osive devices.

bombs have damaged cars in Athens in recent underground organizations, ed responsibility, said they ren protest against alleged ort of the army-backed eriment.

nquerors Everest d meeting

LH — At least 12 inter-limbers who have stood on it of Everest, the highest arth, are meeting in India to celebrate the 20th an- of the first successful Everest.

limbers have been invited Indian Mountaineering n for a triple celebration anniversary of its founda-the eighth anniversary of recess on Everest, as well of the first ascent of the ghest peak.

Katmandu, Nepal, mean-av the avalanches that two tents, the Czech ex-to Mount Makalu, the fth tallest peak, pitched its gh-altitude camp at an f 7,200 metres on April 30, to a message received night.

the first Czech attempt sk of this magnitude — a height of 8,275 metres uth-east of Mount Everest.

3-man team, under Yvan 9, had set up the third ude camp on April 13 at ide of 6,500 metres. But mpts to move up were y an avalanche that de-vo tents the expedition had 00 metres above camp 3.

italian neo-Fascists lose arliamentary immunity

(INA). — The Italian Se- stripped the parliamentary y from two of its neo-Fas- mbers, making them liable n in criminal courts.

mentary sources said yester- at the Senate action pro- ll be repeated in the Cham- Deputies within the next y, where action is pending several members of the neo- Italian Social Movement including the party's lea- rgio Almirante.

party has 26 members in the and 58 in the Chamber of s. It gained 28m. votes in

gunmen rob o couples of \$267,000

YORK (AP). — A pair of essed gunmen forced their io a limousine on Manhat- fth Avenue early yesterday bbed two couples of \$265,000 of jewellery and \$1,900 in authorities reported.

e identified the victims as d Mrs. Irving Rosen of Scars- and Mr. and Mrs. Edward of New York City. Rosen, a state businessman, and Ne- ner of an electrical company, en attending a charity ball heir wives at the Plaza Hotel e money for cancer research. two robbers intruded when chauffeur-driven automobile d near the Nager's home on Avenue. The chauffeur was d to drive through Central

porities said the bandits got the vehicle at Fifth Avenue taking the gems and money. ed in another car that was ntly driven by a third person.

QE2 returns safe from Israel cruise

SOUTHAMPTON, England (Reuters). — The liner Queen Elizabeth II returned here yesterday from a month-long voyage to Israel. The 800 American Jewish passengers found security still tight.

As the vessel docked, Royal Navy frogmen plunged into the water to check the hull for under-water explosives and several hundred British policemen guarded the quayside area — apparently for fear of a last-minute bid by Arab terrorists to attack the 85,000-ton liner.

At times during the voyage to Israel the Queen Elizabeth had a guard of British warships and military aircraft, and one crew member leaving the liner yesterday said the 550 "dancer pay" he and his colleagues received from the ship's owners was "the easiest money I ever earned."

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Rabbi Samuel Koff, the liner's Jewish inspector, said the trip had been "a tremendous success." He added: "We believe in 'praising the Lord and passing the ammunition' at the same time. The security was a good thing and we welcomed it." Single-room crewman Philip Hanson told reporters that all entrances but one to the ship's power house had been sealed off for the voyage. A permanent guard was placed at the remaining door and a bullet-proof peep-hole put in to check on everyone entering.

On both legs of the journey the liner was only one-third full. It was chartered by a Massachusetts travel agent, Oscar Rudnick, at a reported cost of more than \$2m.

The passengers were taken in a fleet of coaches to Heathrow Air- port in London where they boarded

30 dead in flood-stricken Bangladesh

DACCA (Reuters). — Thirty people have died so far in floods which have swamped a quarter of Bangla- deah and destroyed about half the area's rice crop, it was reported yesterday.

The flood control office said six rivers were very swollen after four days of continuous rain in the affected areas. Yesterday the sun reappeared from behind a bank of black cloud, but more than 31,000 square kms. are under water.

The River Gumti, flowing two metres above danger level, has submerged vast areas of paddy fields in three eastern districts and continues to threaten the town of Comilla.

Road and rail links with Chit- tagong, the principal port, which were severed by the storms on Friday, were restored yesterday by engineers carrying out makeshift repairs in order to get food supplies and relief material through from the harbour.

flights for the U.S. In a similar convoy on the outward trip, uniformed police manned every bridge and junction on the route from London to Southampton.

The Queen Elizabeth — pride of the Cunard fleet — will leave here again today for a cruise in the Mediterranean with 1,000 Americans of the 'Young Presidents Organization,' men who have reached senior executive status before the age of 40.

Jordan names new envoy to Britain

AMMAN (Reuters). — Former Jordanian Cabinet Minister Ma'an Abu-Nawar has been appointed Ambassador to Britain in place of Omar Nabulsi, who is to be transferred to another post, official sources said here yesterday.

Mr. Abu-Nawar was Minister of Culture and Information until Octo- ber, 1972.

MARCOS DROPS CENSORSHIP Filipino troops kill five Communist rebels

MANILA (UPI). — Government troops killed five Communists in- surgents in separate clashes Satur- day, military authorities reported yesterday.

Four insurgents were killed in a village in Sorogon Province, about 180 miles southeast of Manila. One was killed and another was captured in Bolo Province, in the central Philippines.

The authorities also announced Government agents in Manila recently captured Sofronio Falconi, described as "public enemy No. 1" in the Visayas and Mindanao regions. Falconi had been accused of involvement in major crimes including piracy since he escaped from a penal colony in 1971.

In another development, President Ferdinand Marcos yesterday an- nounced plans to relax martial law censorship of Philippine newspapers, radio and television networks.

The President's announcement followed the creation Friday of a new



Mark Torenshime of Israel and McAlpine of Scotland battle for a rebound during European basket- ball championships' preliminary match in Vienna on Saturday night. Israel won 127-76. (AP radiophoto)

Chilean police arrest 'dozens' of rightists, unrest on rise

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Chilean police arrested dozens of militants of the neo-Fascist Fatherland and Freedom group in a series of raids throughout the country yesterday, the Interior Minister said.

Private homes and offices of the organization were raided in a search for illegal arms.

Large quantities of guns and am- munition were seized, the Minister, Gerardo Espinoza, said in an official communique. He said "dozens" of people were detained and it would be decided if they should be tried by civil or military courts.

Two Chilean provinces — Santiago and O'Higgins, south of here — have

been declared emergency zones un- der military control, in the midst of a wave of unrest which has brought Chile to its gravest internal crisis since a so-called "bosses' strike" took it to what Marxist President Salvador Allende called "the brink of civil war" last October.

Civil war talk was revived yester- day when a leader of Fatherland and Freedom (Patria y Libertad),

who has sought exile in Argentina, admitted he and his colleagues were planning to start one to oust Dr. Allende's 30-month-old Popular Unity coalition government.

Meanwhile, the government began a fresh effort to settle a strike by workers at a giant copper mine, which it claims is politically inspired and part of a right-wing plot to plunge the country into chaos.

Two Guevara followers shot in Bolivia

LA PAZ (AP). — Bolivian police early yesterday shot and killed two members of a guerrilla group, in- cluding a native German wanted for murdering a Bolivian diplomat in Germany two years ago, police said.

Authorities said two policemen were injured and a third guerrilla escaped during the exchange of gunfire in El Alto District, about 100 kms. from La Paz. Authorities said the guerrillas were shot as they attempted to flee.

The dead, described as leading members of the National Army of Liberation (ELN), were identified as Monica Erik Friolo, 35, a German-born Bolivian citizen, and Osvaldo Ucasqui, an Argentine national.

Police said the dead woman was wanted for the murder on April 1, 1971 in Hamburg, Germany, of Roberto Quintanilla, the Bolivian Con- sul-General there. Police said Ucasqui, 35, was wanted for murdering two students in October, 1970 in a La Paz park.

The incident appears to restart the battle between General Hugo Banzer's regime and the ELN, which was partly destroyed when the leader, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, the Cuban revolutionary, was killed in 1967.

PARIS (Reuters). — France's 13th heart transplant recipient was de- scribed as "doing excellently" yester- day after the first operation in which the heart was removed from a donor in a different hospital from the recipient.

The heart was taken from the chest of a 15-year-old girl who had been pronounced dead after a car accident. It was rushed about a mile by ambulance to the Foch hos- pital in suburban Suresnes, where 26-year-old Alain Fiffautot was being prepared for the transfer.

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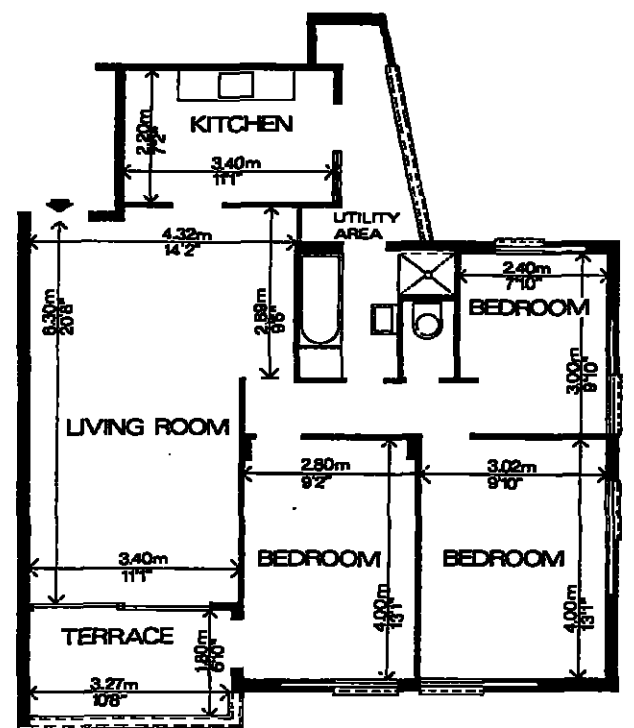
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ARAB OIL STATES FIND WEALTH BRINGS PROBLEMS

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The oil-rich states of the Arabian Peninsula are looking for ways of protecting their growing wealth.

Vast sums are being poured into domestic investment, but the rate at which oil revenues are growing makes it reasonable to assume that by the end of the decade revenues will be climbing more steeply than expenditure.

The four major oil producing states of the Peninsula — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi), and Qatar — have accumulated monetary reserves of nine billion dollars.

The prospect of possessing about a third of the world's monetary reserves by the 1980s presents these states with a totally new set of problems and they find the prospect a little frightening.

The Pakistani Governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, Mr. Anwar Ali, repeatedly tells his visitors that Saudi Arabia wants to make a constructive contribution to a stable monetary system.

One of the elements in all this is that the oil states are now thinking that rather than produce more oil to meet the needs of the West, they should perhaps keep the oil in the ground and avoid sustaining even greater losses on their reserves during monetary crises.

While secrecy enshrouds the management of both government and private funds, the British weekly, "The Economist," claims to have established where these Arab states have been placing their money. The pattern is clearest in Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi.

Most Saudi oil revenues are paid

into accounts with Morgan Guaranty and Chase Manhattan. Apart from a "small" amount kept to meet current obligations, the money is then placed through a number of banks and brokers into short-term holdings other than equities.

The Saudi reserves now stand at over three billion dollars. Most of the \$140m. that Abu Dhabi has in long-term reserves is managed by an investment board under Sir John Hogg of Williams Glyn and Co., which has headquarters in London. The dollar portfolio is handled through Morgan Guaranty, and European investment through the Banque de l'Indochine.

Investment board

Qatar has also recently set up an investment board and is reportedly diverting 25 per cent of its oil funds to it. Part of the portfolio is probably managed abroad.

Kuwait's reserves are now put at about three billion dollars, of which perhaps \$700m. is kept as liquid as possible, largely in response to injunctions from the parliament, which is nervous that Arab assets might be frozen in a confrontation with the West. Kuwait, like Abu Dhabi, regards its long-term reserves as a pension fund against the day when oil runs out.

A part is invested in Kuwait or the Arab world. Of late the Kuwaitis seem to have shown a preference for international bonds, real estate and time deposits. But the government will not reveal how much of its funds are dispersed, and where the effective decisions are taken.

Although Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and

Qatar no doubt tried to protect their holdings before the last devaluation, the impact of their operations was probably small compared with the shift of six billion dollars by the multi-national corporations which precipitated the crisis.

Kuwait's private wealth is estimated to be considerably higher than government reserves. Foreign holdings, including those of the commercial banks and funds discreetly transferred through the money changers, may be over three billion dollars. But liquid assets are much smaller.

Some Kuwaitis, who have made their millions through government purchase of land at artificial prices and the monopoly they enjoy over local businesses, do keep a keen eye on international interest rates and currency fluctuations. One of the most striking results of the monetary instability in the West is that Kuwaitis have been moving their funds back into Kuwaiti dinars.

State reserves

In Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi and Qatar private wealth is still less important than state reserves — although Royal Family holdings blur the difference. Much of it is tied up in local real estate, which has been soaring in price. Even so, banks complain that they are loaded down with unwanted surpluses.

The goal of the Gulf States is to gain better and more opportunities for long-term investment. This they see as at least a partial answer to their quest for both economic and political security. They are insistent that future investment should involve a partnership with the West and that they should have a say in management, with a place on the board.

Four consortia of Arab-European banks have been created to mobilize Gulf funds and these are the most promising cooperative ventures to date. Another breakthrough over the last three years was the floating of World Bank bonds in Kuwait. But such two-way traffic between the Gulf and the West will be jeopardised if the Arabs are convinced that their oil revenues are at the mercy of the vagaries of Western exchange rates.

Because of this they have been meeting such ideas as currency and political security. They are quoted internationally, and backed by oil. Other, even more adventurous proposals are being bandied about. If the West wants to keep the current goodwill of the oil producing Arab states they will have to find some way of assuring them of safe investments, otherwise the temptation to leave the oil in the ground will

RUSSIANS 'TRYING TO UNDERMINE' BERLIN PACT

By BRIAN ARTHUR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — WEST German officials believe the Soviet Union is seriously trying to undermine the 1971 Four Power Berlin Agreement by raising the inclusion of a "Berlin clause" in four planned accords between Moscow and Bonn.

Informed government sources said the Soviet negotiators are not merely objecting to the wording of such a clause which would make the accords applicable to West Berlin, but are trying to avoid any mention of Berlin at all. This is clearly in contradiction of the Four Power arrangement which allows Bonn to include Berlin in international treaties, the officials claim. They said it is by no means certain the four agreements on scientific, cultural, and environment cooperation and on air transport will be ready for signing by the time Soviet party boss Leonid Brezhnev comes here for a historic first visit on Friday (May 18).

This assessment was an indication of the depth of the concern behind Chancellor Willy Brandt's public admission last week that there is continuing "friction" with the U.S.S.R. over West Berlin's ties with West Germany, and that he would discuss the dispute "openly" with Mr. Brezhnev.

The 1971 Four Power Berlin Agreement was designed to secure these economic and administrative ties, but Bonn has become increasingly worried by Soviet efforts to limit them by giving the agreement a narrow interpretation. In a related incident last month, the Soviets opened a trade fair in West Berlin but refused to permit the West German flag to fly at the fair entrance.

West German flag

In the 1971 Berlin accord, the U.S., France and Britain confirmed that West Berlin is not subject to government by the Bonn Republic, but they declared that existing "ties" with West Germany would be maintained and developed. The Soviets pledged to "raise no objections" if Bonn handled West Berlin's interests internationally or joined the city in inviting international meetings and exhibitions to the western sectors.

Fears have also been voiced in the press here that Moscow may try to keep Bonn from representing West Berlin in the U.N. when West Germany joins the world body this fall simultaneously with East Germany. But government sources appeared less concerned that this is a real danger since any Soviet threat to block Bonn from the U.N. would also be a blow to East Germany's hopes for admission.

Castrate rapists, grand jury urges

BALTIMORE (Reuters). — A Grand Jury here has urged that judges be allowed to order the castration of men convicted of rape.

Most such offenders had previous convictions for sex offenses, the jurors noted in an end-of-term report, and they acknowledged that castration would be "a drastic measure." But they added that it would appear to be "the only effective deterrent when all else failed to rehabilitate the defendant."

The jurors also called for restoration of the death penalty for first degree murder, rigid gun controls and the legalization of what they called "victimless crimes" — prostitution and gambling.

Skylab crew to live in style



The three Skylab astronauts practice preparing a meal in the wardroom of the crew quarters. From left: Joseph P. Kerwin, science pilot; Paul J. Weitz, pilot; and Charles Conrad, Jr., commander.

By PAUL BEEBE

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP).

THE 118-foot-long spacecraft, Skylab, which is due to be launched from Cape Kennedy tomorrow, has the roominess of a three-bedroom house.

The three Skylab astronauts will have private bedrooms, a shower, a dining room, an exercise area, a library, recorded music, gourmet-type food, and even a dart board.

"Skylab doesn't quite have the service and accommodation of a luxury hotel," said one Space engineer, "but the view is much better."

Astronauts Charles Conrad Jr., Joseph P. Kerwin and Paul J. Weitz will join Skylab for their 28-day mission tomorrow.

Charles Conrad, who is commanding the first mission aboard the orbiting laboratory, says that "the volume of a spacecraft seems to expand once you get into Zero G — Gravity."

Zero G, or weightlessness, will affect almost every activity of astronauts living in Skylab.

Instead of walking on the floor of their spacecraft, the astronauts expect to float or "swim" along the ceilings.

Although this may seem simple, zero gravity can make even the easiest tasks difficult. For instance, if an astronaut wants to turn a bolt with a wrench, he has to be anchored. Otherwise, instead of the bolt turning, the astronaut himself will be twisted.

A slight motion can cause an astronaut to drift away from whatever work he is trying to do. And tools cannot simply be placed on a work bench; they have to be secured, or they will drift away.

To overcome these problems, Skylab is lined with foot and hand restraints and with patches of a fabric adhesive called Velcro. Floors have a triangular grid and the spacemen can wear shoes with three-sided studs. To remain in one place, the astronaut locks the studs to the floor.

To shower an astronaut will step into a collapsed cylinder and raise it to form an enclosure. "Inside you've got two hoses — the goes-outta hose and the goes-into hose," said astronaut Weitz.

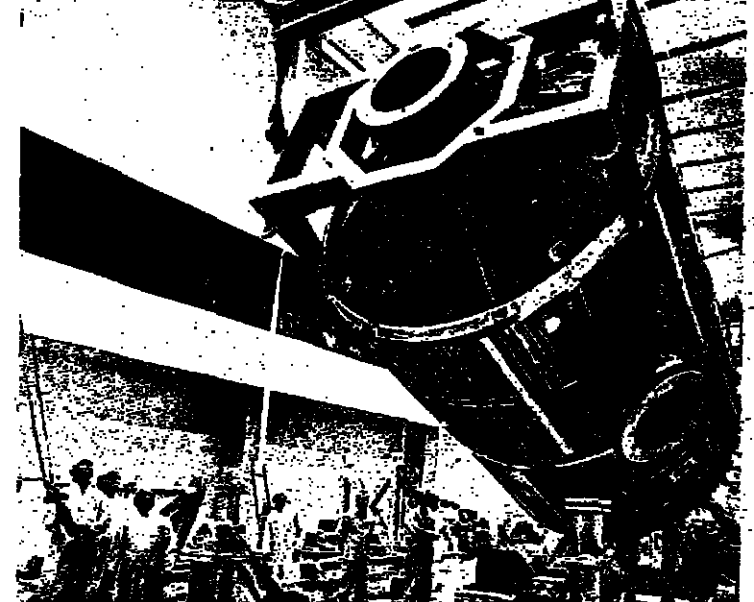
The goes-outta hose sprays water and the goes-into hose vacuums it up. Most of the water will cling to either your skin or the inside of the enclosure. When you're done you follow to your buddy and he turns on the vacuum cleaner.

Weitz said the astronaut taking the shower then uses the hose to vacuum away water from himself and the shower stall.

It sounds easy, but the trouble is that each astronaut gets only three quarts of water per shower and only one shower per week. A shower on earth uses three quarts in about 30 seconds.

Somehow, the Skylab spacemen must soap up and rinse off before the water runs out.

Sleeping may also take a bit of getting used to. An astronaut can't actually lie down without possibly drifting away. As a result, the spacemen sleep in bags.



Technicians view the Skylab's multiple docking adapter tests at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

like hammocks which are attached to the side walls of their bedrooms. To a person standing on the floor, the slumbering spaceman appears to be sleeping on his feet.

The Skylab menu includes steak, soup and lobster. The adventurous part of the menu comes in getting the food from plate to mouth in weightlessness.

Unlike on earlier space flights, Skylab's flight plan gives the astronauts a near-normal work day and an occasional day off.

For those leisure hours, there is a variety of recreation equipment. Each astronaut has a selection of books, and music recorded on cassettes. There are also playing cards with special zero-gravity holders; three rubber balls for playing catch; and a dart game uses Velcro instead of spikes.

Skylab astronauts also face a multitude of housekeeping chores. Garbage has to be stored in bags or it would float away. When full, the bag is stuffed into a large tank which has an airlock. To gather any splattered or moisture floating around inside of the spacecraft, astronauts have a portable vacuum cleaner.

The astronauts will wear shirts, slacks and jackets of a gold-colored, fire fabric. They will change it once a week, and socks, underwear and gloves every two days.

Each crewman has a change of clothing for entire mission.

Seven still magnificent

The Magnificent Seven Ride! (Ophir, Tel Aviv), is the fourth film in a series inaugurated in 1960 with "The Magnificent Seven" (which itself was based on the Japanese screen classic "Seven Samurai").

In the latest variation on the theme common to all these productions, Lee Van Cleef ("The Good, the Bad and the Ugly") plays a famous Arizona marshal at the turn of the century who takes on the task of protecting a small town across the Mexican border whose menfolk have been lost in battles with a horde of bandits. With no reinforcements available, the marshal has five dangerous convicts released to his custody and offered a pardon on condition that they assist him in the defence of the besieged town. (The septet is completed by the marshal himself and an Eastern journalist, who is writing his biography.)

Director George McCowan has turned out a first-rate Western, strong in plot, dialogue and characterization. The piece builds up to a thrilling climax as the seven — aided by the resourceful townswomen — attempt to fight off the attacks of the seventy well-armed marauders.



At the Cinema

Excellent performances are by Van Cleef, Michael Call the young journalist who himself during the gunfight, Stefanie Powers, in the role of a brave and beautiful frontierswoman. In addition, there are go drawn vignettes from the playing the five released prisoners. It's nice also to hear again Bernstein's stirring music for original "Magnificent Seven" commanded.

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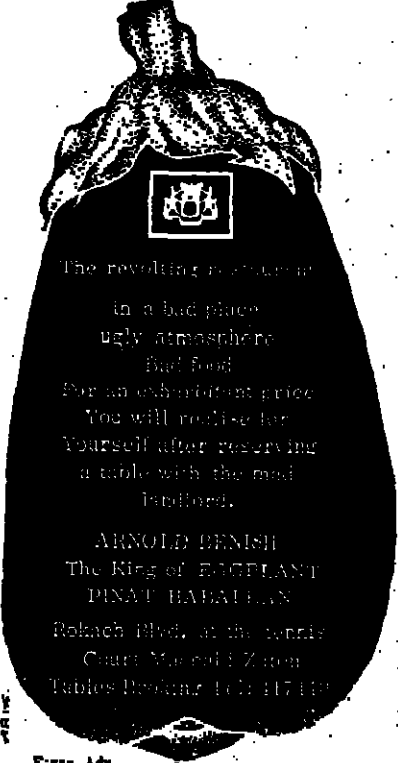
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English theatre marks 15 years

HELENE ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At the Little English Theatre, who are planning to pay IL500 of cost before the end of a

of devotion may be one reason why the group, directed by Belgian-born Nellie Lenson, has lasted long enough to the 15th anniversary this

group, an attractive voice, whose other interests include pedigree dogs, antiquities and interior design, came to Israel in 1948 as a volunteer. She spent several years in the air force, where her husband, now a captain in the Israeli Air Force, found an outlet for her interests by producing an air force review.

In civilian life in 1953, she and friends, Zippora Peled and Brona, each put up IL35 to start a theatre in English. They just covered postage for the first three of the 15th anniversary 75 founder and awarded funds to that financed the first production, "The Four poster," a two-act play which she directed.

Audiences thin

Things were pretty thin at the performance at Z.O.A. House last night. Top to bottom are Philip, Dawn, Nadia, Francis Lewis, Nehama Weinberg and Judy Horowitz. (Mackay)



Some from the Little English Theatre's "Murder Mistaken," which opened at Z.O.A. House last night. Top to bottom are Philip, Dawn, Nadia, Francis Lewis, Nehama Weinberg and Judy Horowitz. (Mackay)

"Financially, we do cover most of our expenses through tickets and advertising in the programme — this means that in between being finance, stage and theatrical manager, I am also advertising director and salesman. For months before each show I run around scrounging ads wherever I can stand around in hotel lobbies until I can manage to talk the doorman into hanging up one of my posters."

Nellie Lenson's own background is by no means amateur — she has worked as casting director for films, she trained for the stage before coming here and, six years ago, she took a course at N.Y.U. in television directing and producing. She turned down an offer from the Cameri Theatre some years ago

to be stage manager, because I saw little chance of working in production there. In the Little Theatre, I have a world, admittedly small, which is entirely my own. What I enjoy most is the rehearsal — during some forty of them I see a play develop with its actors."

Finding actors is no problem — at least 100 turn up in response to each advertisement for auditions. "They come from all walks of life — university professors, doctors, businessmen, housewives and school children, though men are a bit of a problem! The sort of age group required for most plays are generally too involved with their own work."

It was a lack of men that inspired her to put on what proved to be the theatre's biggest hit, "The Women," with a cast of 26 women, including Mandy Rice Davies-Shaul, made a profit of IL30,000 — "though we promptly lost that on our next show!"

World of illusion

Over the years, the best plays have always proved to be the lighter ones. "Our attempts at avant-garde or experimental theatre have never really come off. I think our audience wants to laugh, wants a world of illusion. Noel Coward, for example, always goes down very well — and not just here either, he is enjoying a tremendous revival in London and New York."

Although the theatre is amateur, demand on actors is heavy. "They have to sacrifice about five months of their lives for each performance — and I do mean sacrifice. Every spare moment is given up to rehearsals and performances, yet without exception, all actors are exceptionally devoted, extraordinarily punctual, and carry on in good professional tradition, despite illnesses, mishaps, even slipped discs."

The latest production opened last night at Z.O.A. House. It is a murder thriller dealing with a psychopath and the women in his life. Called "Murder Mistaken," written by the British playwright Janet Green, it was filmed as "Cast a Dark Shadow" starring Dirk Bogarde and Margaret Lockwood.

"If anyone had told me at the beginning that, fifteen years later, we'd still be going strong, I would have laughed. My motive was, I suppose, a personal love of theatre and, perhaps more than anything else, a selfish desire to indulge it. The efforts I have invested all these years may not have been profitable — but the freedom I have enjoyed has amply made up for that."

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of the Jewish community as well. Dr. Eliezer Tal organized things on the Israeli side. Twenty Israeli scientists in the fields of molecular biology, nuclear physics and mathematics came to Mexico for the symposium, as well as experts who came for a general exchange on the problems of higher education in both countries.

The warmth and hospitality of the Mexican Jewish community was quite moving. The Israelis came to appreciate this cohesive Jewish community which had its beginnings with a group of Syrian Jews who settled in Mexico in the early 1900s, and then with the Eastern European Jews of the twenties who came in the hope of eventually entering the U.S.

They must have felt that they were forsaken, this small group of Jews, in a strange environment, and they called the Ashkenazi congregation they founded "Yidhei Yisroel" the "Abandoned of Israel," a name it has retained until this day.

Today this wealthy, successful community of 35,000 to 40,000 Jews seems far from abandoned. The people have moved up with the years from pedlars to merchants, to industry and the professions. In spite of a high degree of success the Jews do, on the whole, identify strongly as Jews, and 75 per cent of the Jewish children go to private Jewish schools, with most of the teachers and religious staff coming from Israel.

Home for aged

The Jewish community is well organized and supports a home for the aged as well as the schools. It also runs a kosher restaurant, a banquet hall, and is particularly proud of its Jewish Sports Club, an impressive-looking centre with exceptionally beautiful gardens, which serves to bring together the Sephardi and Ashkenazi communities which for a long time functioned independently.

The Mexican Jewish community has been extremely generous to Israel, and its feelings were certainly in evidence during the symposium. At times the hospitality of the Mexican Jews was almost overwhelming.

But all was not winning and dining for the Israelis, who represented all the various institutions of higher learning in the country. The three-day symposium, packed with simultaneous sessions in the fields of biology, mathematics and physics, kept them constantly busy in the crimson carpeted conference halls of the Maria Isabel Sheraton Hotel. The scientists of both countries came away with a greater understanding of each other's problems and a reinforced feeling that there is much in common between Mexico and Israel. As Professor Michael Rabin, Rector of the Hebrew University, noted in the opening ceremony: "Both Mexico and Israel are superimposing on ancient cultures, scientific and modern technology. Both are trying to create a type of synthesis between old and new. And both are trying to develop countries of highly developed countries we both risk losing our own heritage."

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presented by
Ze'ev Anar and Shmuel Shai

on the Light Programme, Monday, May 14, 1973, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. (after midnight). During the programme, valuable items will be auctioned. Listeners will be able to phone the auctioneers in the studio to make bids:
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All proceeds will go to the fight against cancer.

The main item to be auctioned is:

GOLDA'S "SHOPPING BASKET"

The personal handbag of the Prime Minister, Golda Meir, which she carried during her March '73 meeting with the President of the United States, Richard Nixon. The bag has been given by the Prime Minister, and she has graciously consented to it being auctioned.

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Item	Description	Value	DONOR
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8. Flight ticket (tax not paid)	Tel Aviv — London — Tel Aviv	IL1,182	El-Al
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10. Case of whiskey	12 bottles, Black and White	IL 375	Diskin Yitzhak Ltd.
11. Case of liqueurs	6 bottles, Peter Heering 6 bottles Kahua	IL 575	Diskin Yitzhak Ltd.
12. Weekend for a couple	Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv	IL 450	Grand Beach Hotel Ltd., Tel Aviv
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NIXON-BREZHNEV SUMMIT

The announcement that Soviet Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev will be visiting Washington next month has come at a most difficult time for President Nixon. Ironically, this visit may help the beleaguered President to divert the attention of the American public from the Watergate affair and its serious implications for the efficacy of the presidency at the present time.

For Mr. Brezhnev, the forthcoming summit will surely enhance his standing in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and among his own colleagues. He has just emerged as the victor from the latest leadership struggle in the Kremlin and if he comes away from Washington with the trade treaty ratified by the Senate and other agreements, then his moderate policy will have received an important boost and his critics will have again been silenced.

The summit between the leaders of the two super-powers will be watched with great interest and perhaps some hope by great and small powers alike. Western Europe will watch for signs of further agreements between Washington and Moscow on matters such as troop reduction in Europe and the progress of the arms limitations talks.

President Nixon may enlist Mr. Brezhnev's help to shore up the very shaky Vietnam cease-fire if no further progress is made during the talks in Paris between Professor Kissinger and Le Duc Tho. The leaders of China will watch with some anxiety the state of relations between Washington and their arch-enemy, and the extent to which the U.S. is willing to assist the U.S.S.R. with food, technology and even agricultural aid thus strengthening the potential of Russia and perhaps reinforcing her position vis-a-vis China.

Premier Tanaka of Japan, who is expected to travel to Moscow

later this summer, will also watch with some apprehension the ties develop between Washington and Moscow, and consider how they are likely to affect Japan's negotiating position and the prospects of finally getting a Japanese-Soviet peace treaty signed.

Israel and the Arab states will necessarily concentrate their attention on the prospects of the Middle East being discussed and the possibility of agreement being reached by the two super-powers that could take some of the freedom of action from the states concerned. No detailed agreement is, in fact, expected at this time and it would not be easy to visualize an agreement that would cover the current understandings of both sides with the countries in the area.

In any case, there is more than a month to go before Brezhnev gets to Washington, and much may happen before then.

The situation in Lebanon is still unstable and President Sadat may easily believe that some fireworks are required to move the super-powers to pressure Israel for concessions. It is good to know that both Mr. Sisco and Professor Kissinger have recently stressed that it would be difficult for outside powers to make any meaningful moves towards a Middle East settlement if the parties directly involved do not find their way to begin talking and making their own proposals.

There have been a number of reports that on the eve of the summit, the Soviet Union is expected to permit the departure of a large number of Jews refused visas up to now because they held important positions. Israel and world Jewry hope that such a step, welcomed as it is, will not blind the American President and legislators to the essence of the matter — the right of Jews to leave the Soviet Union regardless of Mr. Brezhnev's foreign policy needs at any time.

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M.E. AT THE SUMMIT

Davar (Hastadrut) gathers from the White House statement that discussion of arms limitation and developments in Indochina will be the only issues to emerge as central position in the forthcoming Nixon-Brezhnev talks — that other issues, even if discussed, will not have first priority rating. The paper then adds: "All the same, Israeli diplomacy must array itself to prevent the state of relations from giving too much weight to the Middle East issue at the summit conference."

Hatzofe (National Religious), quoting Dr. Kissinger's statement that the Middle East issue will be raised at the summit conference, writes: "Importance thus attaches to Foreign Minister Abba Eban's

statement that there are no differences of opinion between Jerusalem and Washington as to the political stand on the Middle East. At the same time there are differences of assessment between Israel and the U.S. However, since Washington supports the idea of a strong Israel, she rejects an imposed solution."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes: "The principal question following the agreement in Lebanon is whether the government will curb the Palestinian organizations. For, if it contents itself with their removal from Beirut and allows them freedom of action against Israel from other regions in Lebanon, there will be no profit in the agreement."

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Readers' letters

Palestinian nationhood

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mr. Harkabi's prediction in your issue of April 27, that the idea of nationhood for the Palestinians is on the decline is based more on wishful thinking than sound judgement of the facts. The fact that violent resistance has not been successful here or abroad does not necessarily reflect the decline or the rise of the idea of nationhood.

Minorities under repression have always shown a capacity to maintain their identities and carry the idea of nationhood through centuries without the need for violent expression. A test-case in history is the flame of Jewish nationhood carried through two thousand years by the Diaspora.

Mr. Harkabi also claims or rather wishes that "the decline of the Palestinian idea will facilitate the absorption and assimilation of the Palestinian Diaspora in the Arab countries." If Mr. Harkabi had travelled extensively in the Arab countries, he would find the reverse to be more true.

His brand of "practical justice" borders on the absurd, because the justice he proposes is a "Palestinian region" dependent politically and economically on the whims and

fancies of either Israel or Jordan which is not acceptable to most Palestinians and therefore not "practical".

Injustice has always been the major cause of violence and poor substitutes for justice have not been any less cause.

ELIAS A. KAWAR
Jerusalem, April 28.

Sir, — Premier Meir is reported in your issue of today, as having told an audience of Jerusalem students that she had "not heard Arabs say that they wanted such a (Palestinian) State."

Since Mrs. Meir does not read Arabic and does not mix with Arabs from the occupied territories in her daily routine, I suggest that she ask her advisers to supply her with translations from the special "Al Anba" Independence Day supplement containing contributions from many Palestinians advocating such a state. Mrs. Meir could then also read about Palestinians advocating this in such publications as "Palestine Viewpoints" (1972) and "Arabs and Israelis — Life Together" (1973).

GIDON WEIGERT
Jerusalem, May 2.

VANDALS AT THE DEAD SEA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Like many others, we enjoyed a lovely day on the Dead Sea beach at Ein Fashcha during the Pesach holidays.

But why do days like this have to be spoiled by people who do not respect the beauties of the area? They tore down branches of trees to make stands from which to hang blankets, their portable barbecues damaged the grass, their radios blared and they threw rubbish everywhere.

We noticed that members of the Nature Preservation Society were trying to keep things under control by giving us plastic bags for our rubbish and asking us to be careful not to damage anything. But even these hard-working and dedicated men couldn't stop people doing just whatever they wanted to.

If only there were less noise and disturbance, we should all be able to enjoy the beauties of our country.

ABE AND BETTY MEYER
Ramat Gan, April 24.

TRADITIONS ARE IMPORTANT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The Ministry of Religious Affairs would do better to undertake a campaign to educate Israelis to respect their age-old traditions rather than lecture well-meaning foreign shipping firms and make a brouhaha in the Knesset.

On a return trip from Europe last summer, we found ourselves in the predicament of having to board the Nile only seconds before the beginning of Shabbat. After having to overcome all the difficulties made by the ship's officers, we finally arranged for our car to be driven aboard on Shabbat by a local Italian. The ship finally departed at 2 a.m. Shabbat morning. The Knesset aboard the ship left much to be desired as well, although the Ministry of Religious Affairs maintains a supervisor aboard. Contrast this with the pains taken by other carriers the world over to respect the religious and dietary requests of their passengers.

HERBERT ROSENBERG
Tel Aviv, April 27.

Dry Bones



Muscle, not the heart



By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Tanks from this year's Independence Day parade (upper) contrast with singing girl soldiers of a previous year's Three Days March.

PERSONAL OPINION

The debris from the Independence Day parade in Jerusalem has disappeared like last winter's snow but the doubts about the wisdom of holding the parade linger on, thicker than ever.

Although the enthusiasm of many spectators along the parade route was real enough, I found the parade, as a parade, dull — heavy on hardware, short on marching units, pretty girls and bands. The much publicized rehearsals also lent an air of anti-climax to what should have been a dramatic event.

The idea that one of the parade's principal aims was to demonstrate Israel's strength to the Arabs — an argument made last week by Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon — is a strange one. Should the central event of a country's 25th anniversary be tailored for her enemies or her own people? If Israel must flex its muscles for Cairo, there are other means — inviting television crews to large scale manoeuvres, for instance. If the aim was to reassure the Israeli public, this too could be done more effectively with weapons displays which would give youngsters an opportunity to climb on tanks instead of just watching them.

While advocates of the parade in the Cabinet cannot be accused of militarism — it was, after all, Tourism Minister Kol who favoured the idea and Defence Minister Dayan who opposed it — they stand accused of serious lack of imagination. The parade was deliberately chosen as the central event of Independence Day and therefore had special symbolic meaning. Are tanks, planes and soldiers — and



nothing but tanks, planes and soldiers — really the way to symbolize 25 years of state building?

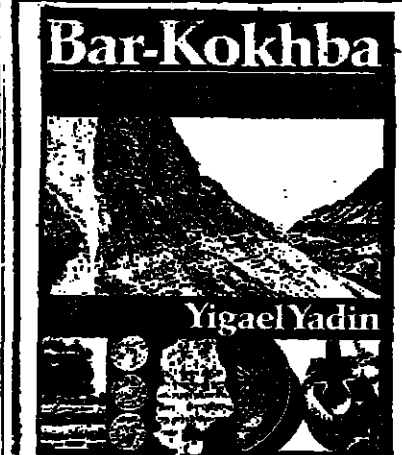
The story of Israel's creation, survival and growth is perhaps the most exciting in modern history. If it was seen fit to have a procession through the streets of Jerusalem, why not a pageant telling this story instead of a parade? Themes are not lacking — the ingathering of the exiles, the conquest of the desert, the rich diversity of ethnic groups, kibbutzim and immigrant moshavim, and industrial achievement — including that of the military industry.

Contingents from Dimona, Eilat and Jerusalem itself, singing and marching out of step, would have been more fun — and more eloquent of the country's strength — than any amount of self-propelled artillery pieces remodelled Russian tanks. Soldiers too would participate in this pageant since they are an integral part of the community and not, as the parade could imply, something apart. Why not Habadnikim sing Hasidic songs and Arabs a Druse as well? And miners from Timna, a contingent from Eilat, from upstart, and most important, schoolchildren.

A pageant of this sort already exists on a small scale — a procession through Jerusalem concludes the annual Three Days March. This is a happy, spontaneous affair that is far more representative of the spirit of this country than last week's show. The country's strength is its people. It is a pity that we were shown only muscle and not its heart.



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